

UPM official says

Development problems hold challenge

By Robert Fraga

DHAHRAN, Nov. 21 — Despite Saudi Arabia's vast oil reserves, this country is faced with serious problems of development. Its success in solving the more important of those problems will set the pace of Saudi development throughout the next ten years.

In the opinion of Ali Talal Johany, Dean of the College of Industrial Management at Dhahran's University of Petroleum and Minerals (UPM), the three principal problems with which the kingdom is confronted are income distribution, falling pressure in oil fields and water utilization. The problems, which are inter-related, arise to one degree or another from the very source of Saudi wealth, its great hydrocarbon resources.

Speaking before the Dhahran chapter of the Society of Petroleum Engineers, Johany said the country's urban population — in particular, businessmen involved in private enterprise — have benefited most from the country's economic development. Land speculation during 1974-77, for example, made fortunes for those astute or lucky enough to buy property at the right time and place. It was the country's nomadic dwellers,



Ali Talal Johany

the bedouin, whose position was relatively bad and could only worsen, ironically since these people had played such a crucial role in building the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. How many were affected? Figures varied widely.

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cents per cubic meter represents, in Johany's words, "an abuse of resources", and it must rise.

Acknowledging the government's concern about income distribution, Johany suggested that those less able to support increased water prices might be assisted by a subsidy scheme in which recipients were given a lump sum of money to be spent as they saw fit.

Despite these formidable obstacles, the over-all picture was far from bleak. "Saudi Arabia," says Johany, "has been trying to do in a few years what other countries took centuries to do."

The new Five-Year Plan, with its emphasis on the development of human resources, is well designed to steer the country from its current income pattern to a diversified, self-sustaining and stable economy. Johany cited as examples similar human development in countries like Switzerland, Korea and Japan. In response to a question from the floor, he agreed that there was a need to develop a female work force, a need of which the government was fully aware.

But Johany cautioned that in a conservative country where religion played a role "unequalled even in the Vatican," problems must be broached one at a time.

There was no contradiction, in his opinion, between Islamic tenets and the contribution women might make to Saudi development. Progress had been made. One must keep in mind, said Johany, that women were discriminated against everywhere in the world, even in the Soviet Union where emancipation had taken a dubious route. Asked Johany rhetorically, "Is sweeping streets the sort of liberation women want?"

King promotes major

RIYADH, Nov. 21 (SPA) — King Khalid issued a decree Wednesday promoting Maj. Gen. Abdul Mohsen Al-Omran to the rank of General.

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PORTS : The Kingdom's ports still remain a major method for bringing goods into the country. (Arab News photo)

By 15 per cent

Port traffic increases

RIYADH, Nov. 21 (SPA) — Goods imported through the Kingdom's major ports increased by 15 per cent in 1980 over the same period the previous year.

The amount of goods passing through the port was 45.57 million tons. The rise in food stuff imports reached 24 per cent, and 18 per cent in construction materials.

The director general of the Saudi Ports Authority, Muhammad Abdul Karim Bakr, said Wednesday that car imports this year increased by 21 per cent over last year's figure. This year's car imports numbered 380,621.

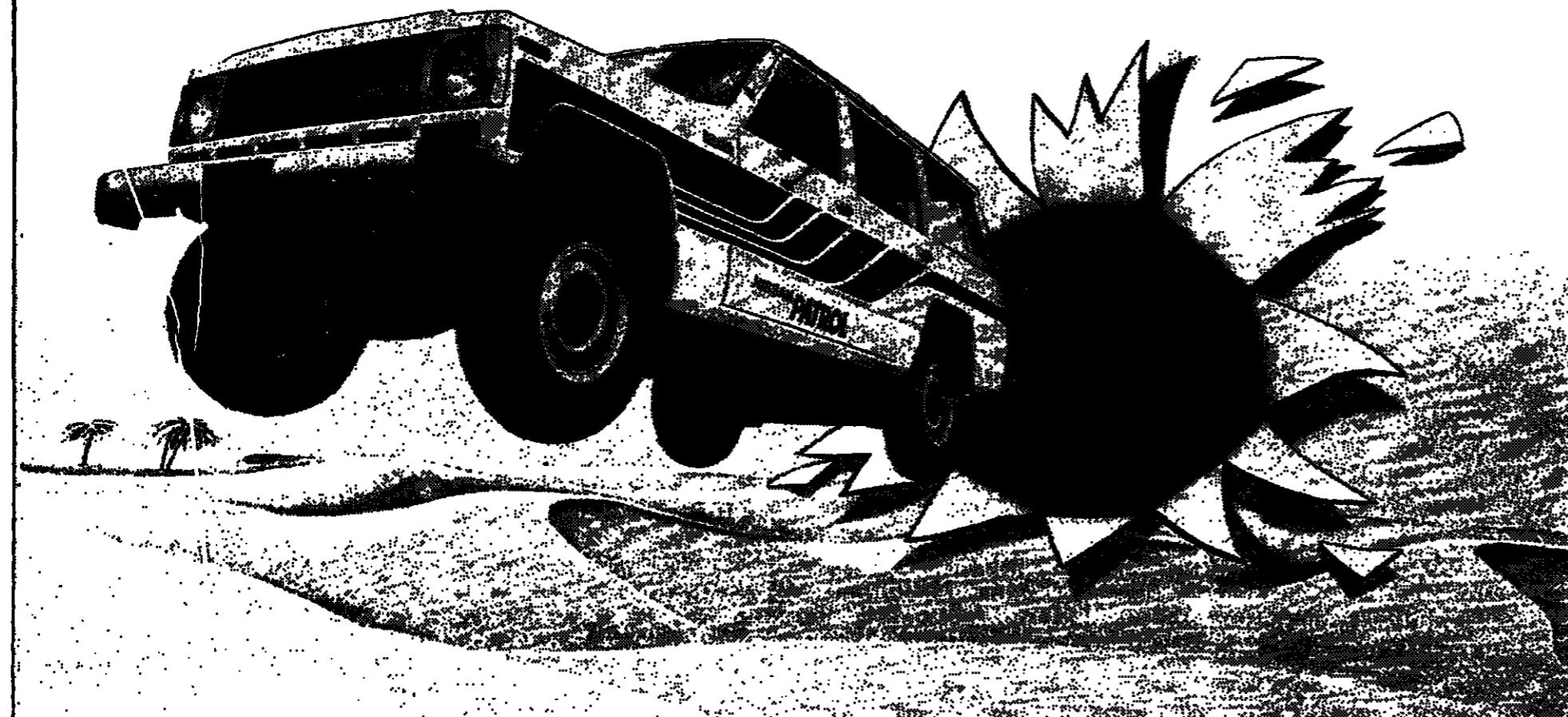
Jeddah's Islamic port handled more than half the total bulk of imports. About 25.5 million tons entered the Kingdom via Jeddah's port. Second to Jeddah is King Abdul Aziz Port of Dammam that handled 15.4 million tons during the 12 months. Bakr said that 1.74 million tons of imports arrived through Jubail port on the Gulf. 1.47 million tons through Yanbu's Red Sea port; and 1.46 million tons of goods entered the country through Jizan port in the Southern Regions.

King Khalid dedicated Yanbu Port in November, 1979, as the Red Sea's second largest port. The port had cost SR1.15 billion to build, and handles 7,400 tons of cargo a day. It will help facilitate imports for Yanbu's development projects, Medina and the Northern Regions.

Saudi Ports Authority officials said that the port has been provided with equipment standardized according to government policy, that includes cranes of 20-ton handling capacity, forklift trucks and motorized barges. During the opening, about 2,035 workers operated the port — most of whom were Saudi Arabians.

The port's dedication marked significant progress for the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu in carrying out its task of laying the infrastructure for the new industrial town's development. Officials stressed that the new facilities would help promote economic activity in the area, and directly improve the welfare of the inhabitants by reducing the cost of goods under the instructions of King Khalid and his government.

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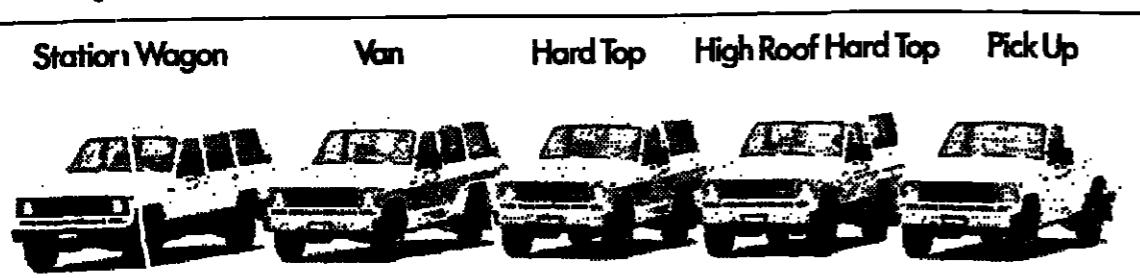
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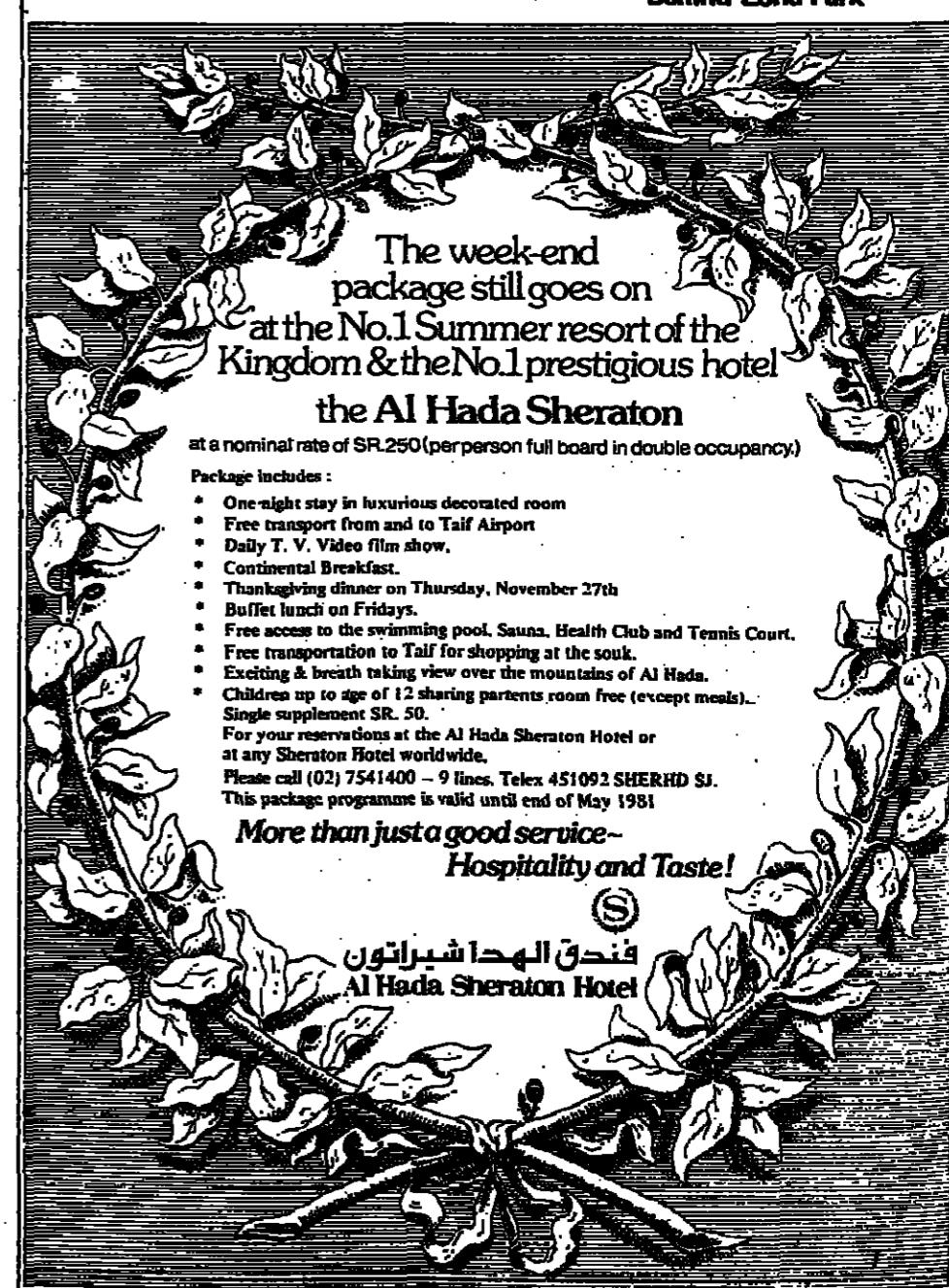
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Mideast peace a matter of time, Sadat declares

ISMAILIA, Egypt Nov. 21 (Agencies) — On the third anniversary of his trip to Jerusalem, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat has said peace in the Middle East was only a matter of time. "A comprehensive settlement is coming sooner or later, it is only a matter of time," Sadat Wednesday told reporters who asked him about the prospects of extending his policy of peace with Israel throughout an Arab world officially opposed to it.

Sadat's Jerusalem meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin has led to the Egypt-Israel peace treaty signed on March 26, 1979.

The issue of full autonomy for the 1.5 million Palestinians is the subject of negotiations since May 1979. So far little progress has been made, and Egypt has suggested a three-way summit with the leaders of the United States and Israel to break the deadlock.

Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali has told a summit is likely after January.

Meanwhile in Washington, special U.S. Middle East envoy Sol Linowitz has said that Israel and Egypt could reach agreement on

Palestinian autonomy within six months if the Reagan administration moved promptly to continue the negotiations.

Appearing before the House of Representatives Middle East Subcommittee Wednesday, Linowitz urged Reagan to name his own negotiator and call a summit with the leaders of Israel and Egypt after taking office on Jan. 20.

"If the present movement and the present commitment continues, and I think it will, and if the new administration wants to go forward... then I think we have cleared away so many subsidiary issues that there's real promise for coming up with answers to the most difficult issues," he said. "That could happen in six months."

Linowitz said his greatest concern was that the change of administrations would cause a delay in the talks.

President Carter had planned to hold a summit with Begin and Sadat either next month or in January to discuss the autonomy negotiations. But his election defeat by Reagan two weeks ago put a question mark over the future of the negotiations.

After government's near-defeat

Peres promises to oust Begin

TEL AVIV, Nov. 21 (R) — Israel's opposition Labor Party resolved Thursday to keep up pressure to bring down Prime Minister Menahem Begin and restore a planned economy following the government's near-defeat Wednesday night.

The narrowness of the 57-54 vote with which Begin survived a parliamentary no-confidence vote encouraged Labor hopes of toppling his administration well before its term expires next November.

Labor Party leader Shimon Peres promised a renewed push to oust the government. He told reporters it was now urgent to bring Israel "back under proper economic management."

The no-confidence motions mounted by Labor and two smaller parties in the Knesset (parliament) grew out of popular anger over an 11 per cent surge in inflation for one month alone. The increase put Israel at the top of the world inflation league with an

annual rate of 138 per cent.

The Begin coalition heavily hit by defections over the past year, might have gone down Wednesday night if a handful of wavering independents had not been persuaded to abstain or stay away from parliament.

Economic problems for once have taken precedence over the security issues which normally preoccupy Israelis.

As the Begin administration moved into the final year of its term, there had been signs Begin intended fighting the coming election by accusing Labor of softness on the Palestinian question.

The growing economic anarchy seemed to have eclipsed the Palestinian problem. The Knesset assault against Begin Wednesday night was joined even by the ultra-nationalist Tehiya group.

Peres said: "We will introduce a planned economy. We want an economy where work is as profitable as speculation."

Israelis pound Palestinian camp

BEIRUT, Nov. 21 (R) — Israeli gunners entered South Lebanon early Thursday and shelled a Palestinian refugee camp near the port of Tyre, a United Nations spokesman said. He said the Israelis, manning five 155 MM self-propelled howitzers, crossed into Lebanese territory near Yarin, in the central sector. They fired an estimated 18 rounds at the Rashidiyah camp and left about four and a half hours later, he said.

Earlier, Beirut radio said Israeli artillery shelled the Tyre area overnight, causing a number of casualties on which it gave no details. The Palestine news agency Wafa said Tyre and nearby Palestinian refugee camps and villages came under sporadic shelling overnight from the Israelis and allied right-wing militia.

Egypt opposes Jordan role in autonomy talks

CAIRO, Nov. 21 (AP) — Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali has reiterated Egypt's opposition to a suggestion by U.S. President-elect Ronald Reagan to have Jordan join the current stage of the stalled Palestinian autonomy talks between Egypt and Israel.

"We welcome the suggestion in principle but we object to the timing because the Camp David agreements provide for a three-year transitional period following which the Palestinians would determine their own future," Ali said.

He said King Hussein of Jordan could join the talks after this transitional period "because including him now would mean the West Bank is a Jordanian territory."

Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organization have so far refused to join the talks on ground they would not lead to an independent Palestinian state on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

In an interview with the Cairo television marking the third anniversary of President Anwar Sadat's trip to Jerusalem, Ali stressed that the Mideast problem has not reached a deadend "so long as the autonomy negotiations are continuing."

"In addition to the fact that the Camp David accords were signed by three countries, there is a unanimous international agreement that Israel should withdraw from territories it occupied in the 1967 Mideast war," Ali added.

Jordan denies mistreatment of Syrian nationals

AMMAN, Nov. 21 (Agencies) — The interior ministry here has denied that Jordan was mistreating Syrians entering the country.

"Jordanian border authorities never reviled anybody," the statement said. Security measures were tightened a week ago to safeguard delegations that will take part in the Arab summit conference here but these measures applied to all foreigners entering the country, and not merely to Syrians.

Syria threatened Wednesday to "react" to "bad treatment" of its citizens at the border.

An official spokesman in Damascus said: "The Jordanian authorities have lately persevered in maltreating Syrian citizens proceeding to Jordan, by insulting them as well as refusing entry for the larger part of them. The continuation of this disgraceful conduct would compel the Syrian authorities concerned to take suitable measures that would safeguard the security of Syria and the safety and honor of Syrian nationals."

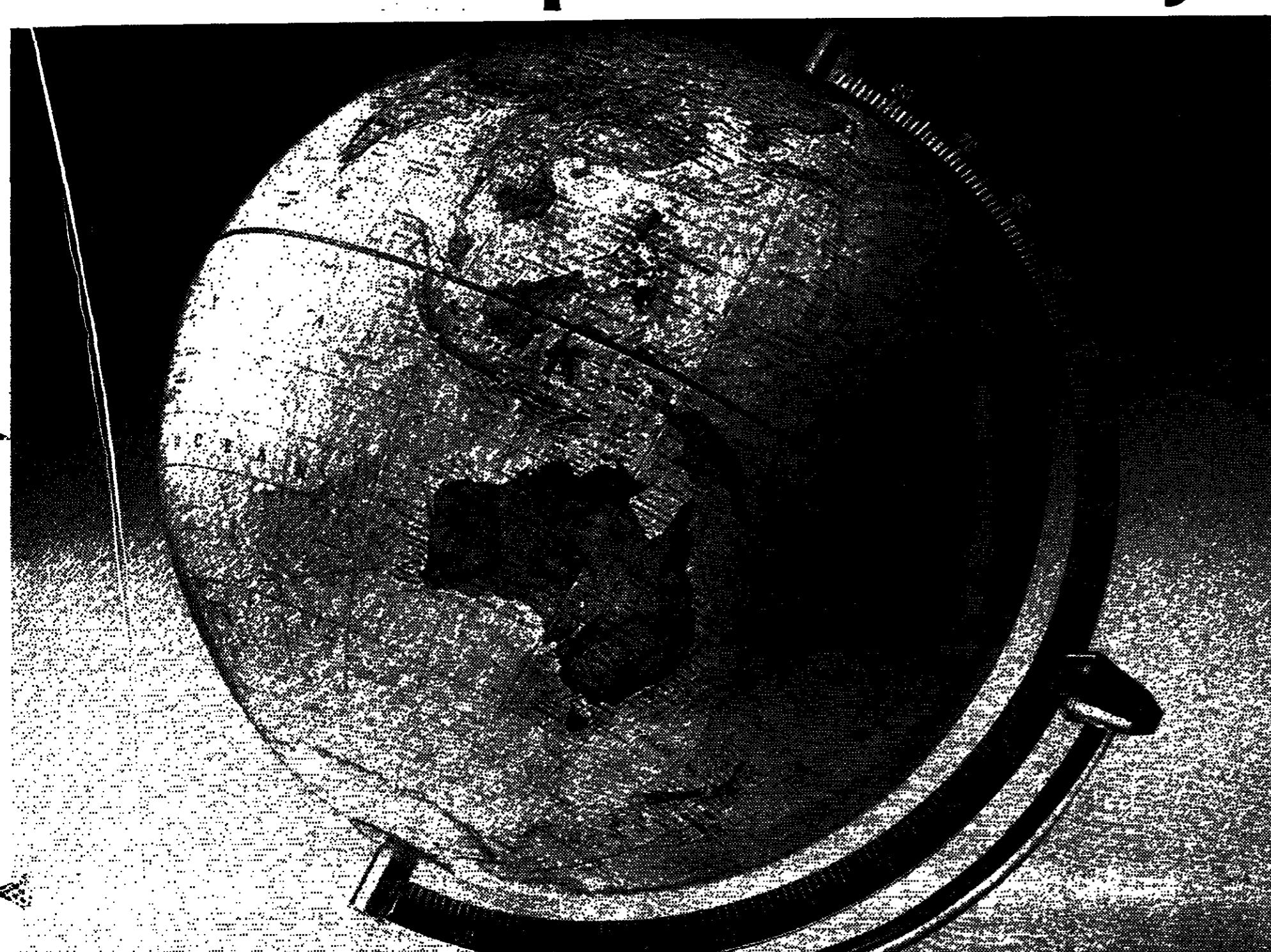
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By Lee Benefield

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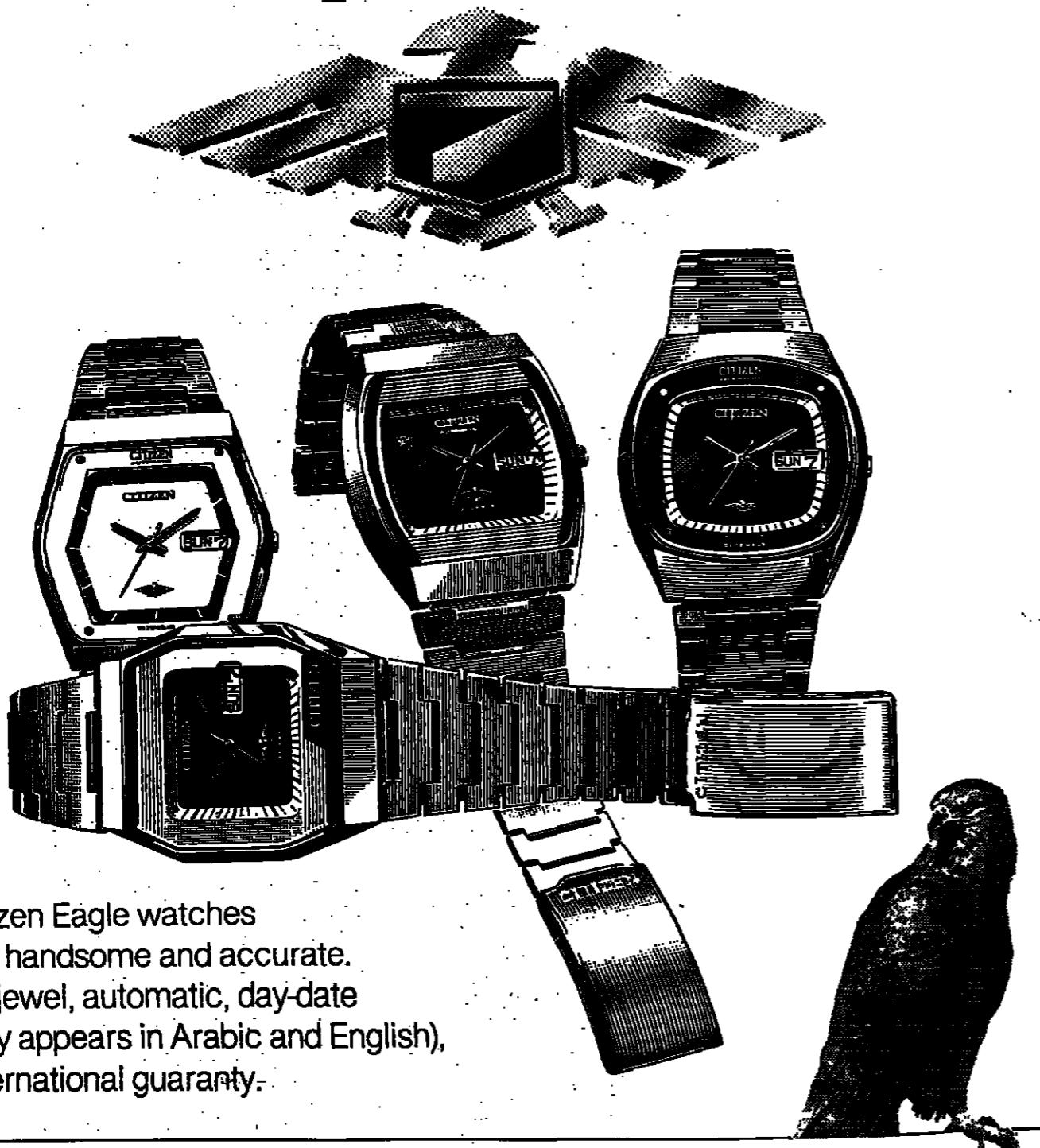
About 40 other airlines serve the city, but most offer only limited service — some as few as three or four flights a week. Saudia on the other hand, will operate close to 100 flights a day on a typical business day.

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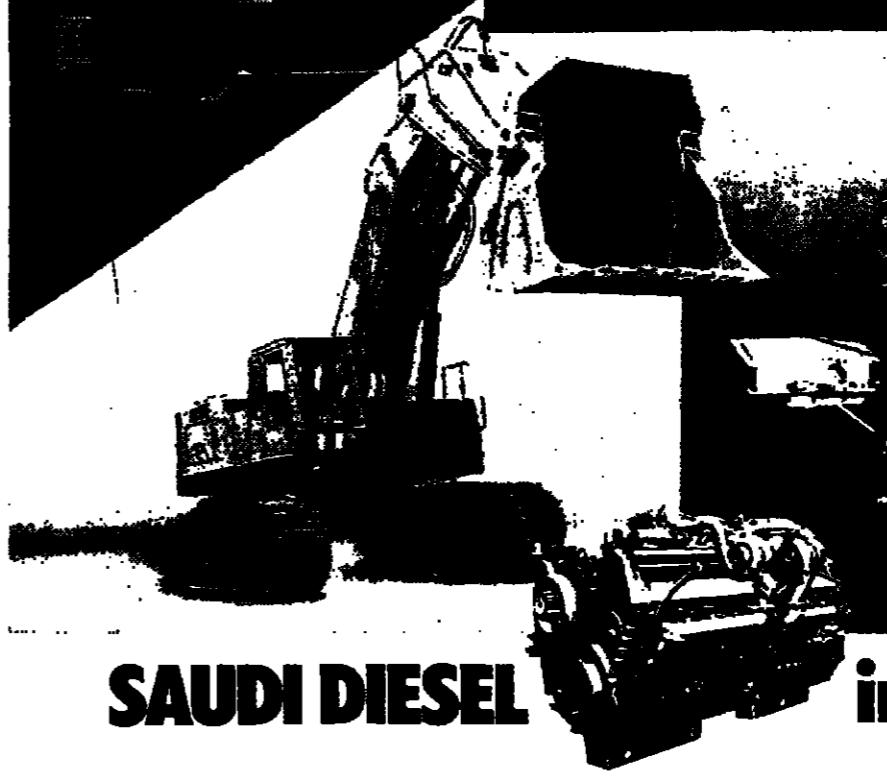


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Reagan breaks pledge, confers with Schmidt

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 (AP) — President-elect Ronald Reagan Thursday had the two most important meetings since he has been in Washington — one with President Jimmy Carter, the other with West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt. It was Reagan's first meeting with a foreign leader since winning the Nov. 4 election.

After having insisted he would meet with no head of state or government until officially assuming office in January, Reagan finally gave in to West German pressure and conferred with Schmidt for an hour at the house where the president-elect is currently living here. He had failed to meet with Israeli Premier Menachem Begin who visited the United States a week earlier.

Richard Allen, one of Reagan's main foreign policy advisers and tipped to become

national security council chairman, also attended the Reagan-Schmidt talks.

No indication was given as to the content of the talks, which were kept secret until the last moment. But it was learned that Reagan said that to counter the Soviet military effort he hopes to encourage American allies such as West Germany to bear as much of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) cost as possible.

Earlier in the day, Reagan went to the White House to get a tour of his new residence and meet Carter for the first time since their televised debate Oct. 28 in Cleveland, Ohio.

"We are very happy to have you here," Carter told the Reagans. "We think you'll like the place."

\$632b ceiling

U.S. budget bid allows cuts

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 (AP) — A House-Senate conference committee has pushed through a compromise proposal for fiscal 1981, which began last Oct. 1, that will give President-elect Ronald Reagan more freedom than expected to start slashing federal programs when he takes office Jan. 20.

The budget compromise, expected to be approved by both houses of Congress, fixes a ceiling of \$632.4 billion on federal spending. The price-tag for programs covered by the

proposal, however, will exceed the ceiling by \$17 billion.

With such financial maneuvering, the lame-duck Congress would present Reagan with a budget that requires cutting but would leave the new president the choice of which programs to cut.

Reagan would thus be in a position to exercise campaign promises in which he said that by eliminating "waste," he would reduce government spending by two per cent, with bigger cuts later on.

Chiefs cite Italy fraud

ROME, Nov. 21 (R) — Italy's ministers of justice, defense and finance were to make separate statements to parliament Friday on a massive oil tax fraud scandal concerning evasion of gasoline duty over the past decade, a parliament spokesman said.

More than 220 members were scheduled to speak after the three ministers. Many more were scheduled to put questions to the ministers on the affair, which has aroused widespread concern about the level of corruption in Italy.

The former head of the customs police, Gen. C. Agnide, has been charged with conspiracy to commit crime, tax evasion, corruption and dereliction of duty in connection with the case. More than 100 people have been arrested and inquiries are continuing in 22 cities.

Police are investigating the possible involvement of foreign states, the murder last year of Rome journalist Mino Pecorelli who revealed details of the fraud and the identity of the people responsible for concealing evidence of the affair until earlier this year.

Magistrates in Verona, one of the cities involved in the inquiry, Thursday, issued 10 formal warnings to oil dealers that they faced possible charges.

One of the dealers was Silvano Bonetti, 52, now living in Brazil, who was arrested last week on an Interpol warrant covering charges brought by Venice magistrates. He tried to commit suicide when detained and is now in a hospital.

His lawyer in Rio de Janeiro said Bonetti, who now owns a chemical business in Brazil, would challenge his proposed deportation as he considered himself "involved in an affair of a political nature."

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SOUGHT: Gen. Donato Loprete, speaks at an official gathering before he left his post as chief of staff of the Italian finance guard. He subsequently exited the country and dropped from sight just as the government issued a warrant for his arrest in connection with Italy's gasoline tax scandal. He is one of several prominent officials linked to the fraud, which involved the downgrading of petroleum products to avoid paying duties.

'Racism still alive' Blacks slam Klan verdict

NEW YORK, Nov. 21 (R) — Leading civil rights leaders have called the acquittal of six Ku Klux Klansmen in Greensboro, North Carolina, a sign that racism was still alive in the United States. Vernon Jordan, president of the National Urban League, said here, "this shameful verdict can only inspire the lunatic fringe to think it can get away with murder....It sends a clear message that racism is still alive, and that our system of justice is still far away from equal enforcement of the laws."

On Monday an all-white jury found six members of the Klan not guilty on charges of murdering five Communist Workers Party members at a "Death to the Klan" rally last November in a mainly black neighborhood of Greensboro.

The Justice Department has said it is study-

Le Monde staffers face charges

PARIS, Nov. 21 (R) — The managing editor of the French newspaper *Le Monde*, Jacques Fauvet, and editorial writer Philippe Boucher have been charged with undermining the independence and authority of French justice.

The two journalists were called Thursday to the chambers of Senior Examining Magistrate Reger Lecante to be notified of the charges, which carry a maximum prison sentence of six months and heavy fines. The proceedings, initiated by Justice Minister Alain Peyrefitte, concerned five articles published by the influential evening newspaper since December 1977 about controversial judicial rulings, mostly in cases with political implications.

They included a recent editorial on legal moves connected with alleged gifts of diamonds to President Valery Giscard d'Estaing by former Central African Emperor Bokassa.

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Free zones created for U.S. banks

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 (AP) — The U.S. Federal Reserve Board has tentatively approved creation of free-trade zones for American banks doing international business in this country, a move supporters said could enhance competition and bring back jobs from overseas.

In return for certain conditions, banks would be able to conduct some international business from their main offices in the U.S. without being subject to reserve requirements and interest rate ceilings. Foreign banks operating in the U.S. already enjoy these exemptions.

The Federal Reserve said it will release details as early as next week. Public comment would be accepted for 30 days. With final approval, the plan would take effect Oct. 31.

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Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	33.70
Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	44.50
Pound Sterling	7.93	8.00	7.97
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Singapore Dollar	—	—	1.58
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U.S. relies on foreign oil until end of this century

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 (R) — The United States will have to rely on foreign oil for at least the rest of the century, a Senate report said Thursday. The report, by the Staff of the Energy Committee, also said future oil supplies were likely to be interrupted and recommended that foreign policy and defense strategies be tailored to lessen this likelihood.

Supplies should be stockpiled to reduce the impact of an oil cutoff, it said. The report was criticized by Republican members of the committee, who said it virtually ignored the potential for increased domestic energy production.

"Energy self sufficiency cannot be accomplished within this century, left alone within the next 10 years," the report said. It said the assumption that energy independence was economically feasible had led the United States to focus on long-term policies for reducing imports. But it said these policies would not eliminate the main dangers of the gathering energy crisis.

The report said the Iran-Iraq war made an interruption in Middle East oil supplies more probable, even if the conflict were settled soon, it said, a wide variety of other regional

tensions could explode, leading to a new break in oil supplies.

It recommended that the United States build a domestic petroleum reserve by filling the strategic petroleum reserve as quickly as possible and also by encouraging private stockpiling. The Senate voted earlier this week to call on the government to increase its filling of the strategic reserve from a rate of 100,000 barrels to 300,000 barrels a day.

The report also said the United States should develop plans with its allies to prepare for an energy emergency, saying "collective action...is essential if we are to avoid the catastrophic consequences of unrestrained efforts by consuming government to obtain privileged access to oil..."

Meanwhile, U.S. home heating oil prices appear headed for a new surge after doubling between the spring of 1978 and the end of last winter as world oil prices soared, industry analysts say.

The analysts say the expected price rise is linked to a dime-a-gallon jump in prices on spot markets, where individual cargos of oil are traded, as speculation and worries continue to mount over the cutoff of oil from Iran and Iraq.

Rising U.S. crude oil prices — the result of a gradual lifting of federal oil price controls — and cold fall weather also are expected to push heating oil costs higher, the analysts say.

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Japan tows damaged rig for repairs

TOKYO, Nov. 21 (R) — A Japanese-made offshore oil and gas drilling rig was damaged in a storm near the Soviet far east island of Sakhalin late last month and is being towed to Japan for repairs, the Sakhalin Development Cooperation Company (Sodeco) said here Thursday. A Sodeco spokesman said the Soviet rig, Okha, suffered damage to its heliport and other facilities during the storm while it was being towed from a drilling site in the Chayvo region to an east coast port.

There were no casualties aboard the rig, which in the summer struck oil and gas during a test drilling off the north-west coast under a joint Soviet-Japanese venture, Odeno, which has been exploring for oil with the Soviet Union since 1978. said it had no precise details of damage to the rig, completed this year by the Mitsui Ocean Development Company at a cost of about \$30 million.

About \$280 million has been spent so far on the joint venture, which was exempted from Japanese sanctions against Moscow imposed after last December's Soviet incursion into Afghanistan.

KUWAIT, (R) — Indonesian Oil Minister Subroto met Kuwaiti Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Sabah Thursday for talks to prepare for next month's ministerial meeting of Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). The Kuwait News Agency said Subroto left here later for Frankfurt to meet OPEC secretary-general Rene Ortiz.

HAVANA, (AFP) — Two weeks of heavy rain have wreaked havoc among newly-sown tobacco zones in Cuba. Vuelta Abajo in Pinar del Rio province, the best of the tobacco-growing regions, has been hit by the rainfall, stemming from two tropical storms and a typhoon.

THE HAGUE, (AFP) — Spain hopes its bid to join the European Economic Community (EEC) will make good headway in the first half of next year when the Netherlands holds the EEC presidency. Eduardo Punset Casals, the negotiating minister, said here

BAHRAIN, (R) — India will import crude oil and petroleum products under two agreements signed in Kuwait Thursday. Indian Ambassador S.J.S. Chhatwal said. He told Reuters that soon after the outbreak of the Gulf war Kuwait had supplied crude which India needed urgently to offset lost Iraqi and Iranian supplies. Under an agreement Tuesday Kuwait had agreed to sell more oil to meet India's immediate needs, he said, but declined to disclose the quantity.

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UNITED NATIONS, New York (AFP) — The U.N. General Assembly's Economic Committee Thursday adopted 23 resolutions providing for special economic assistance to countries and regions hit by natural catastrophes and other problems. Most of the beneficiaries were African nations, but aid was also voted to Nicaragua, Lebanon, and the Caribbean islands of St. Lucia and Dominica.

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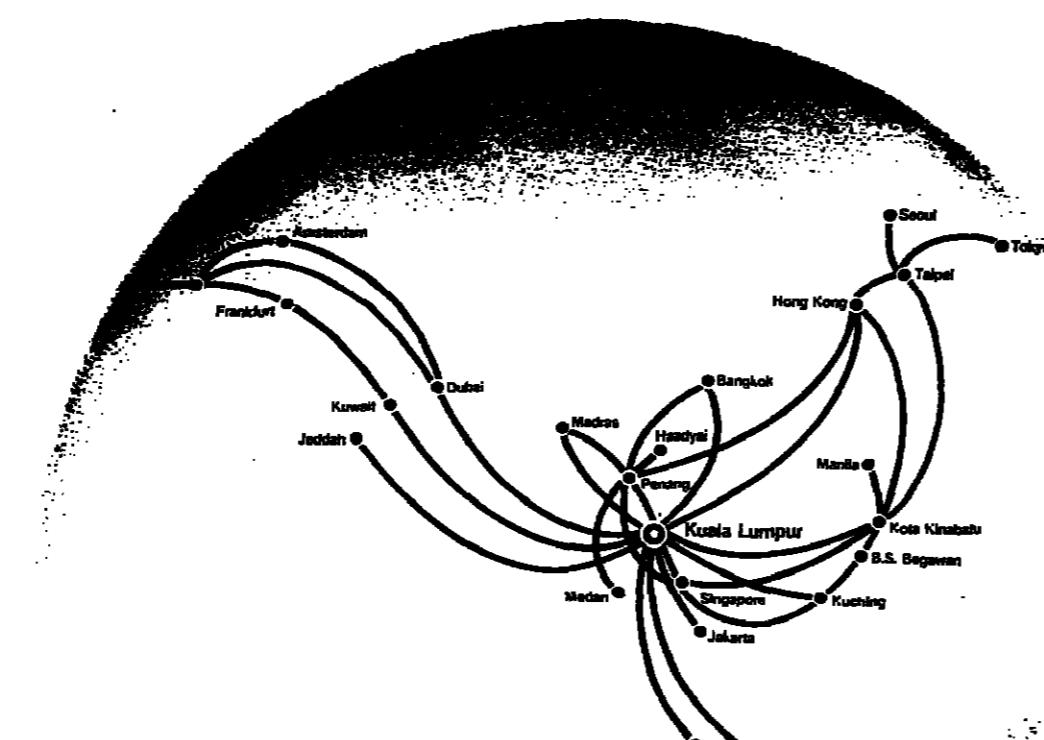
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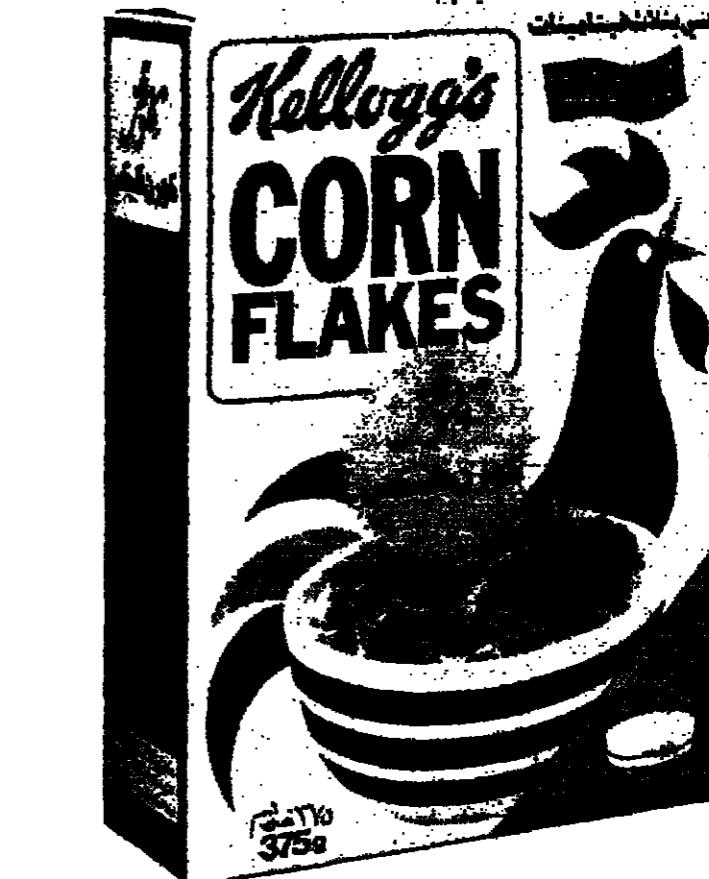
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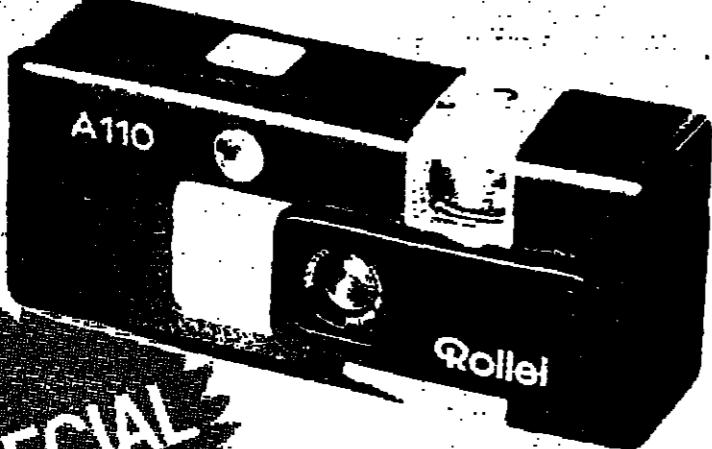
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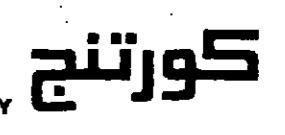
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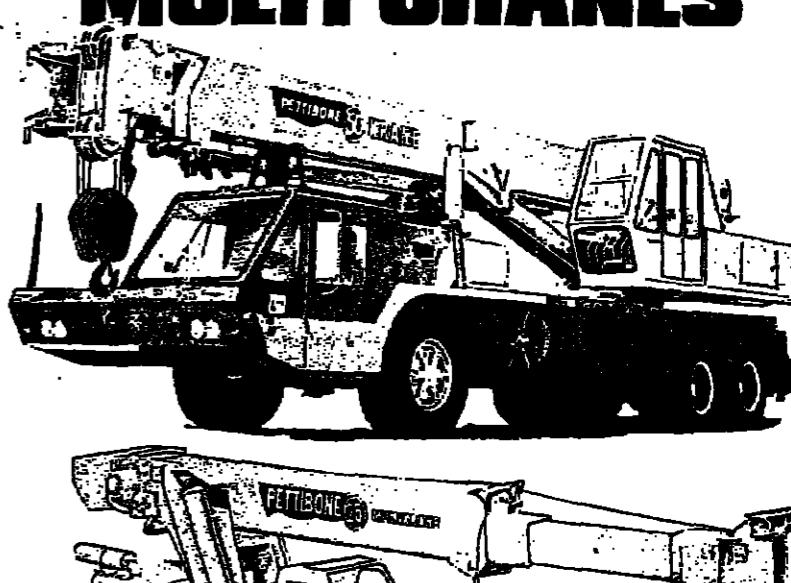
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Rugby season opens as Jeddah tops Taif

By Laurie Thomas

JEDDAH, Nov. 21 — A goal and three tries allowed an adventurous opportunist Jeddah R.F.C. team to run out 16-9 winners over Taif R.F.C. in a fine rugby match at the Jeddah Arms Park, Thursday.

But while Jeddah deserved to win, full credit must also go to Taif for a spirited defense which continually frustrated the marauding Jeddah players and battled gamely to hold the scoreline to respectable proportions.

Jeddah drove forward from the kick-off yet their enthusiasm often resulted in poor control and finishing. Overwhelming control, though, in set scrums and mauls eventually paid off in the 17th minute when a break by Rodgers resulted in Price scoring between the posts.

The easy conversion put Jeddah 6-0 ahead and their superiority threatened a deluge of tries. Taif, who'd only entered the Jeddah half three times at this stage and two of those were from long kicks.

The cheering local supporters were quickly silenced though, when a mistake by a Jeddah back gave Taif a penalty in front of the posts straight from kick-off. Searle converted to put Taif back in contention.

Injuries plagued Taif throughout the match and five replacements were brought on, four in the first half. This gave the team a slightly makeshift appearance and often resulted in poor support when it broke into attack, causing breakdowns at the first maul. Jeddah was thus able to control the loose play almost totally and with Bloomfield commanding play at the back of the scrum, could move into attack almost immediately.

In the 32nd minute, Taif was penalized for not clearing ten yards at a free-kick. Bloom-

field quickly took a short penalty and drove for the line, slipping the ball to McMahon, who crashed over in the corner. Taif thus found itself 10-3 down at half-time.

The second half again saw Jeddah mount repeated attacks but Taif responded equally well with solid defense and the occasional break forward. Ross was a central figure in the defense, directing the three-quarters and relieving pressure with long kicks back into the Jeddah half.

Again, though, sustained Jeddah pressure brought its rewards, and tries by Rodgers and Evans in the 53rd and 55th minute put the match beyond doubt. Taif appeared to tire and lapses in defense allowed Rodgers to dummy two players and score between the posts, and Evans, supporting a break by Tolbert from a lineout, to sprint 30 yards for the fourth Jeddah try.

Taif was not finished, however, and as the heat and sand took its toll on both sides, the team managed to find a second wind and break through the weakening Jeddah cover defense to score a consolation goal.

The final score did not really give a true account of the match as a whole. Jeddah dominated more than seven-point victory suggested, but poor finishing saved Taif on several occasions.

The enthusiastic crowd was treated to a thoroughly entertaining match, though, because of Taif's refusal to crack under sustained pressure and its willingness to counter-attack when a chance came.

The return at Taif is scheduled for Dec. 11 and Jeddah has another home fixture against Al-Muqadas R.F.C. on Nov. 28 kickoff at 2:30. Enquiries from players or supporters should go to Tony Wood at 6829454.

Keeps league lead

Ittihad swamps Jabalein

By Minir Mohammad Ali

JEDDAH, Nov. 21 — Undisputed Ittihad held onto the lead of the soccer league Thursday by beating Jabalein 4-0. Ittihad has collected nine points in seven matches, dropping three points by drawing three matches. No other team is undefeated.

The game began with an unorganized display from both teams for the first ten minutes. Ittihad was attacking through Tamim Al-Hazmi, the international Tunisian striker, who tried to break through Jabalein's defense. In the 15th minute, Ittihad's Tariq Theo Buckner maneuvered near the 18-meter line, attracting Jabalein's defenders to the half circle. He kicked the ball forward to accommodate for teammates' speed.

The trick almost paid off. But Abdullah

Ghurab didn't shoot quickly enough, and he was overtaken by the defense.

After missing several opportunities, Ittihad built its confidence and mounted pressure on Jabalein, which had Andreas, a foreigner, in its defense. Jabalein offered a few attacks, but the disorganization between its Cypriot attacker George Millas, who played for the first time with the team Thursday, and Diran Al-Diran, the right wing striker, was obvious.

In the 36th minute, Osman Marzouk scored Ittihad's first goal on a pass by Tamim. With the crowd cheering, Ittihad dominated the game thereafter. Referee Abdul Rahman Al-Mazzen ruled a penalty in Ittihad's favor when Abdullah Ghurab was harassed by Jabalein's defenders. Tamim kicked the penalty for the second score.

Tamim, who initiated Ittihad's attacks, scored the 3rd and 4th goals for his team in the second half, as well. However, the fourth goal caused a controversy. Tamim shot the ball after taking two defenders. The ball headed into the net, but bounced out and off the field. The referee came to the goal and checked the net, and said it was a goal. He presumably found the net torn.

In mid-week matches, Hilal triumphed over Nahda 4-0 in Riyadh Tuesday, while Qadisiya disappointed Ittihad 2-0 in Dammam.

Davis carries Suns past Lakers

NEW YORK, Nov. 21 (AP) — Stylish Phoenix guard Walter Davis might as well have been snoozing for the first three quarters, but his fourth-period, 14-point awakening sparked the Suns to a 102-99 National Basketball Association victory over the Lakers.

In other NBA action Thursday, Milwaukee beat Portland 97-93, Houston stopped Cleveland 117-114 and Detroit tipped San Diego 97-90.

Davis, who wound up with 20 points,

poured in the last four for the Suns, including a game-winning layup that put Phoenix on top 100-99 with 44 seconds to go. He also added a jumper with 13 seconds left.

The Lakers, 15-6, failed to cash in a desperation three-pointtry by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar at the end and fell 2 1/2 games behind the Suns in the NBA Pacific Division.

The Suns, 17-3, trailed most of the way until Johnson stole the ball with 1:04 to go and went from a breakaway layup to tie the game at 98-98. That set up Davis' heroics.

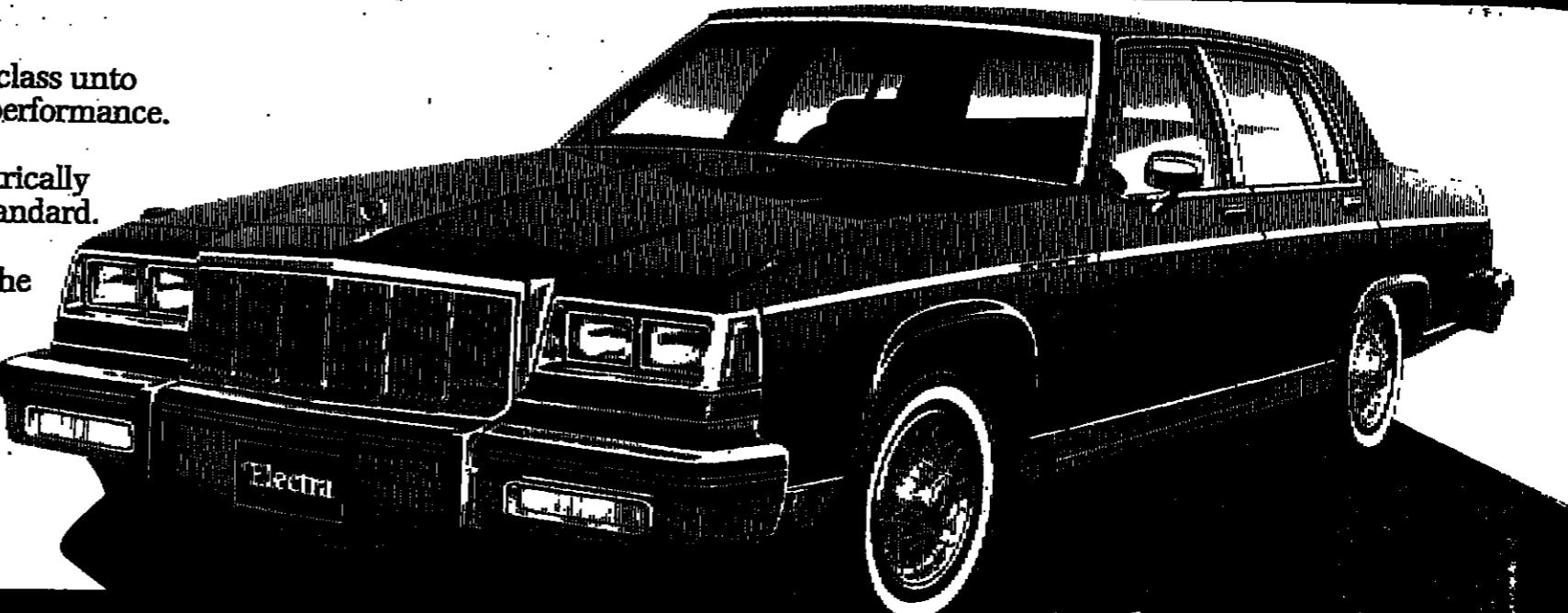
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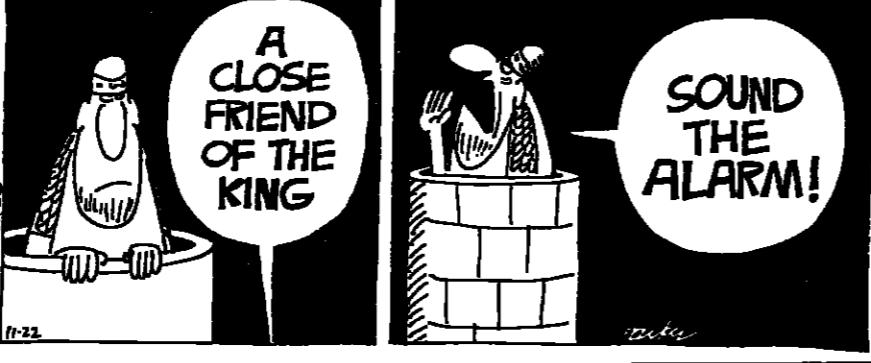
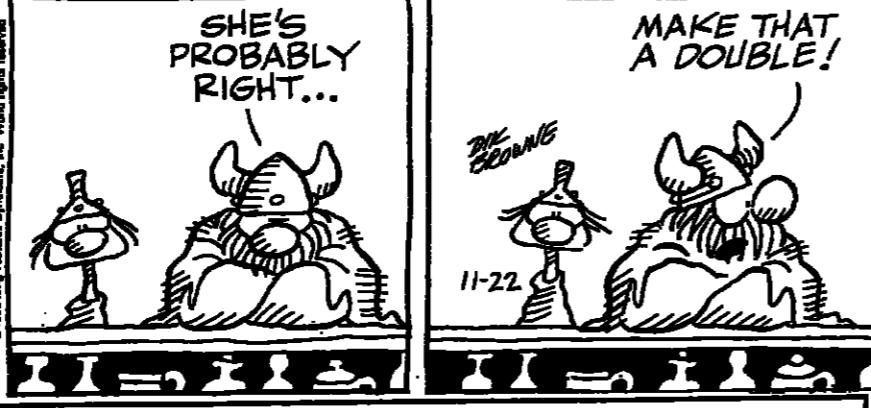
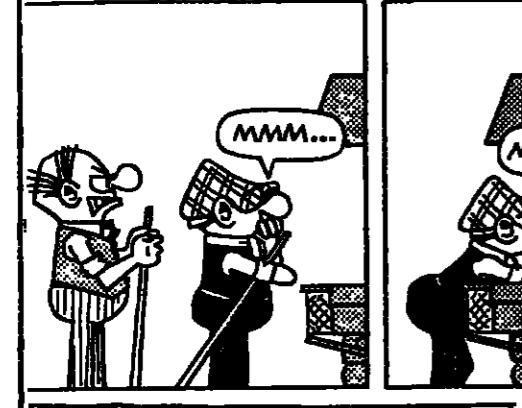
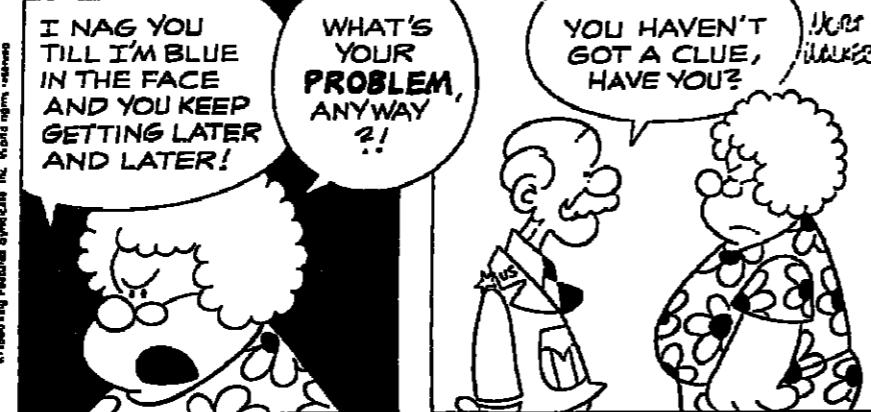
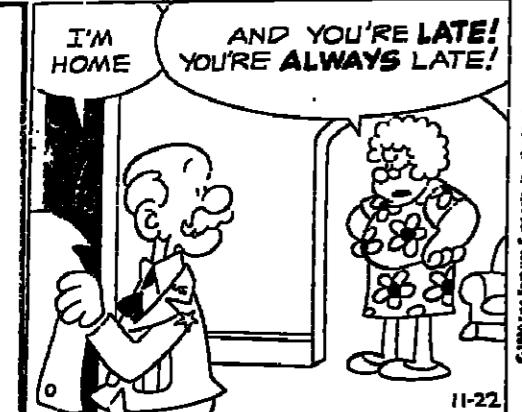


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Gang trial opens

Jiang's pride shocks Chinese

PEKING, Nov. 21 (R) — Mao Tse-Tung's widow, Jiang Qing, strode proudly and defiantly into the courtroom where she was charged with "counter-revolutionary crimes" as the "Gang of Four" trial, long-awaited by the Chinese, got underway Thursday.

Millions of Chinese television viewers saw her enter the court, looking every inch the companion of the man who ruled Communist China for 27 years. She alone of the 10 defendants looked unbowed after four years of detention.

The so-called "Gang" headed by Jiang Qing went on trial together with six other alleged conspirators from the 1966-76 Cultural Revolution. The 67-year-old former Shanghai actress was the last of the defendants to enter the court, looking 10 years younger and apparently confident that she was the star attraction.

Wearing a dark blue Mao style dress, she walked with her head held high and smiled as she entered the dock. Chinese, who expect their criminals to be repentant, expressed shock at her proud demeanor.

Jiang Qing had changed little in appearance since she was last seen in public in 1976, the year of her husband's death. As she was guided into the dock by an armed woman guard, Presiding Judge Jiang Hua, himself a victim of a Maoist purge during the Cultural Revolution, called out: "The defendants will be seated."

First to enter was the youngest Gang member, Wang Hongwen, 45, his head shaven like a common Chinese criminal. Wang is reported to have turned state's witness and informed on the other Gang members in an attempt to receive a lighter sentence. All 10 face the possibility of execution.

The other defendants, most of them in



FOES: Griffin Bell, left, and Leontid Illyichev continue to exchange verbal barrages at the Madrid conference on European security. Bell is the chief delegate from the U.S., and Illyichev is his Soviet counterpart. Closed-door meetings were scheduled through Friday.

Gold gains \$6; dollar rates higher

LONDON, Nov. 21 (R) — The dollar climbed on European foreign exchanges Friday because of rising U.S. interest rates. Gold rose \$6.

Dealers said interest rates for dollars deposited outside the United States rose by up to 0.25 per cent following a decision Thursday by the Continental Illinois Bank of Chicago to raise its prime lending rate to 17 per cent from 16.25 per cent.

All other major U.S. banks raised their prime rate, at which they lend to their best corporate customers, to 16.25 per cent from 15.5 per cent on Monday. U.S. interest rates are climbing because of restrictive central bank monetary policies aimed at reducing inflation. Dealers said they expected most banks to follow Continental Illinois and this was strengthening the dollar.

The U.S. currency was quoted at 1.92 West

German marks compared to 1.91 at Thursday close and at 1.73 Swiss francs.

The pound sterling also gained to the climbing dollar. It was quoted at \$2.37 after closing at \$2.38 London Thursday.

Gold was fixed in London at \$637.75 an ounce, more than \$6 higher than its closing price Thursday. Bullion dealers said the metal's rise was caused by market anxiety over possible oil price rises and concern over Poland.

Convicted killer dies in Riyadh

RIYADH, Nov. 21 (SPA) — Faddi ibn Dughaylab Al-Shamri, found guilty in Sharia court of stabbing a man to death, was beheaded at Justice Square here after Friday prayers.

Al-Shamri assaulted Ibrahim ibn Rashed Al-Jamia Al-Meteri and stabbed him with a knife, the Interior Ministry said. When police arrested Al-Shamri soon after, they found that he was carrying the knife, the ministry said. He confessed during the investigation.

The ministry said Al-Shamri stabbed Al-Meteri several times in the chest. The investigation was carried out in accordance with Sharia procedures, it said.

Hanoi Soviets hide behind French

BANGKOK, Nov. 21 (LAT) — Russians are so unpopular in Vietnam that other white-skinned foreigners have taken to wearing T-shirts advertising that they are not Russians, diplomatic sources said.

One Western diplomat who recently spent more than three weeks in Vietnam said the French Embassy in Hanoi had complained to the foreign ministry that Russians were passing themselves off as Frenchmen.

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U.S. okays Iran's terms on hostages

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 (AFP) — The 379-day-old U.S. hostage affair appears to have entered a decisive — maybe final — phase after Washington officially confirmed Thursday that the United States had accepted "in principle" Iran's four conditions for releasing the Americans.

Secretary of State Edmund Muskie said for the first time that the United States had accepted the conditions Tehran set on Nov. 2. These were: a pledge of non-interference by the United States in Iran's internal affairs; releasing Iranian assets frozen in this country; returning ; the late Shah's wealth; and abandoning some 270 lawsuits against Iran.

But Muskie warned the American public not to be overly optimistic. Acceptance in principle of the four conditions did not mean Washington and Tehran had agreed on how to apply the conditions, he said.

On one demand — return of the ex-Shah's wealth — it was hard to see how U.S. leaders could go beyond a mere statement in principle.

Hojatoleslam Hashemi Rafsandjani told a press conference in Algiers Wednesday that the United States had agreed in principle to Iran's conditions for the release of the hostages, who have been held for more than a month.

But the speaker, who is touring Arab countries to present Iran's case against Iraq in the Gulf war, said that acceptance of the principle was "not enough" and that the U.S. government would have to show sincerity and cooperation.

In Tehran, officials had no comment on their envoy's Algiers statement. Algerian officials who have acted as go-betweens in the hostage negotiations said as recently as Wednesday that they were still waiting for an Iranian statement to pass on to Washington.

But Troyanovsky called the resolution "an inadmissible interference in the internal affairs of Afghanistan and a gross violation of the United Nations charter."

An estimated 85,000 Soviet troops have been stationed in Afghanistan since the Kremlin first intervened last December to replace pro-Marxist Afghan President Hafizullah Amin with Babrak Karmal, another pro-Soviet leader. Amin was executed after the Soviets moved in. They said they were helping the Communist government put down a rebellion by anti-Communist Muslim insurgents.

The Soviet Union rejected a similar resolution adopted by the Assembly on Jan. 14 by a vote of 104-18 with 18 abstentions. That resolution was passed in an emergency Assembly session called after the Soviet Union vetoed Security Council action against the incursion.

The Tass report made no mention of the size of the vote against the Soviet Union.

Soviet Ambassador Oleg Troyanovsky told the Assembly the United States and Communist China were responsible for the Kremlin's military intervention in Afghanistan because these nations were waging "an undeclared war" against the country.

During the past year there have been numerous but unconfirmed reports of Russian advisers being murdered by Vietnamese. There are an estimated 5,000 to 6,000 Russians in Vietnam.

"Vietnam is such a rumor mill that it's difficult to separate fact from fiction," one source said. "But I did see a Finn who was wearing a T-shirt that said 'Khong Phai Lien-ku,' which literally translated means 'I'm not Russian.' On another occasion I met a Swiss who was wearing the same kind of shirt."

Few if any anti-Russian symptoms have surfaced in Hanoi, where government control is strict. But in unreconstructed Saigon, now known as Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnamese make no secret of their hatred of the Russians, it was said.

One diplomat reported that in the Mekong River Delta a Vietnamese interpreter made the mistake of jokingly introducing a French technician as a Russian.

"It was a bad joke," the diplomat said. "The peasants started throwing rocks at the Frenchman."

That the Vietnamese have taken a hearty dislike to the Russians is hardly surprising. Xenophobia is never far from the surface among the Vietnamese, who are nationalists before they are anything else.

Anti-American feeling in South Vietnam frequently exploded into violence during the Vietnam War. Now, it seems, that anti-foreign sentiment has been transferred to the Russians.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazan

politely. I remarked on my surprise at the difference, and he suddenly and most startlingly transformed his features to the way his fans knew best. Proof was thus provided, and we laughed as we said goodby.

That was a case of life providing an improvement on art. But another story from my past illustrates the reverse. At the same time that I was a fan of Ismael Yasseen, I was also an ardent fan of Elizabeth Taylor. (Not by comedy alone does man — and a young man at that — live.) And I kept faith with her even longer than with Yasseen. Until, that is, I learned what an ardent Zionist she was, and my aesthetic and political allegiances turned against each other.

That was a wound healed by time in due course. And then recently in the United States, I was visiting a fellow journalist who said he was just off to see Miss Taylor — and a young man at that — live. And I kept faith with her even longer than with Yasseen. Until, that is, I learned what an ardent Zionist she was, and my aesthetic and political allegiances turned against each other.

Now this Yasseen was a revelation. His film persona was always of a comical looking, bedraggled fool. But here in front of me was a gentleman of distinguished appearance, who spoke softly and most

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West Indies holds Pakistan in cricket

KARACHI, Nov. 21 (AFP) — Pakistan was restricted to 97 runs for the loss of six wickets at lunch in their limited overs international match against the West Indians here Friday.

West Indies captain Clive Lloyd won the toss and put Pakistan in to bat on an easy-paced National Stadium wicket. Fast bowlers Michael Holding and Colin Croft opened the attack against Pakistani openers Taslim Arif and Sadiq Mohammed.

Taslim Arif was lucky to be dropped by Viv Richards off Michael Holding in the very first over when the Pakistani score was only four runs. But Taslim Arif did not take advantage



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